



Richmond Landfill Public Liaison Committee

Minutes of Virtual Meeting on July 11, 2024

Invitees & Attendees

• Noah Wayt	WM District Manager	Moderator
• Chad Moose	WM ELMG Area Director	Invited but unable to attend
• David Arnott	MECP	
• Kyle Stephenson	MECP	
• Andrew Girouard	Napanee Staff	
• Ian Munro	CCCTE	
• Jeff Whan	CCCTE	
• Carolyn Butts	CCCTE	Invited but unable to attend
• Steve Medd	CCCTE	
• Mike Bossio	CCCTE	Invited but unable to attend
• Gail Maracle	Deseronto	Invited but unable to attend
• Chief Maracle	Mohawks Bay of Quinte	Invited but unable to attend

The meeting was called to order by Noah Wayt at 10:03 AM.

Noah Wayt discussed that the purpose of the meeting was to bring the Public Liaison Committee together for the first meeting of 2024 to provide a brief update on the activities regarding the closed Richmond landfill.

- ECA Applications Update and Status
 Discussed status of ECA applications and that both ECA applications are still in the approvals process and discussions with WM and the MECP are still on going.
 - Waste ECA Application is currently being drafted by the MECP approvals branch for review.
 - Sewage Works ECA Application after several discussion with the MECP, WM has provided a revised Hydraulic Control System Plan (HCS) and is currently being reviewed by the MECP.

Ian Munro, Jeff Whan, and Steve Medd wanted clarification on if the revised HCS that was submitted to the MECP will be provided for public comment and why the group was no involved in review of these revisions.

MECP: David Arnott explained that the public review process for the Sewage Works ECA Application (HCS) is closed.

MECP: Kyle Stephenson explained that all of the comments and discussions from the initial public comment period were taken into account during the discussions between the MECP and WM, and this is the main reason for the delay in the review process.

MECP: David Arnott said we would ask the approvals branch for clarification and why the HCS revision was not required to be reposted for public comment. David said he would respond to the group with the clarification the approvals branch provides him.

Ian Munro, Jeff Whan, and Steve Medd: expressed concerns with the HCS continues groundwater (GW) pumping and the possibility of saline upwelling.

WM Response: Expressed the multiple levels of sampling and the increased sampling period over the first two years of the system. Through the increased sampling, this issue would be identified well before it became an issue.

MECP: Kyle Stephenson stated he remembered the comments regarding the saline upwelling question, and this is why the discussion between the MECP and WM has continued and why the increased sampling and levels of sampling is proposed.

Steve Medd: Asked what would occur if saline was identified during monitoring of the HCS?

WM Response: The system would be shutdown and operations would be reassessed.

MECP: Kyle Stephenson further explained that with the increased monitoring and data collection, the issue would quickly be identified, and that the system will be pumping from the intermediate level and not the deep aquifer.

- North Leachate Lagoon Pumping Update
 - Discussed the pumping from the lagoon began in May 2024 and that during May and June over 500,000 gallons were pumped to the site holding tank and hauled off site for disposal.
 - Discussed that the plan is to have the lagoon emptied this year before the winter season arrives.

Jeff Whan: Asked how the capacity issues were with leachate disposal and storage.

WM Response: Explained that due to lower precipitation levels over the winter and spring season and accommodations from Greater Napanee Treatment facility, the site was able to manage the leachate levels with the onsite storage tank.

Steve Medd: Asked what the future is for the North leachate lagoon?

WM Response: The lagoon will still be used on a contingency basis only when necessary and that WM and the MECP are still in discussion on ultimate use.

Ian Munro: Thought the original idea was to open the containment valve on the North leachate lagoon once emptied.

WM Response: At this time even when the North leachate lagoon is emptied the lagoon valve will remain closed and the accumulated precipitation will be pumped from the lagoon.

Jeff Whan: Asked a question regarding WM's new recycling facility and where any waste from that location would be disposed of at.

WM Response: WM – ELMG does not interact with that portion of the business and cannot provide any comment.

Ian Munro: Asked David Arnott if he would be involved with this new facility?

MECP: David Arnott stated he would be involved in a regulatory capacity for the facility but has not visited the site.

The meeting closed at 10:43 AM

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